BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RECEIVED

DEC 5 4 19 PH '01

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF VAL-PAK DIRECT MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC. AND VAL-PAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. (VP/USPS-T43-14a-c)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its response to VP/USPS-T43-14a-c, filed today. This response was due to be filed November 30, five calendar days ago. The answer required consultations with a variety of sources, which could not be completed until today. The Postal Service regrets the delay, but offers that no party has been prejudiced by it.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr. Chief Counsel, Ratemaking

Nank McKenzie

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260–1137 (202) 268-3089 Fax –5402 December 5, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Nan K. McKenzie

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260–1137 December 5, 2001